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Mr. Brightmans Iudgement, or Propheſies what ſhall befall *Germany*, *Scotland*, *Holland*, and the Churches adhering to them.

Likewiſe what ſhall befall *England*, and the Hierarchy therein.

Collected out of his expoſition on the Revelations, Printed above forty yeares ſince. Wonderfull to ſee how they are fulfilled, and in fulfilling, foreſeeing and foretelling what our eyes have ſeen, and may ſee, both in the paſt, preſent and future State of our times.

Declaring that the Reformation began in Queene *Elizabeth's* dayes, is not ſufficient for us under greater light.

Finiſhing the work if we now withſtand as heretofore, we are to expect, God hath a ſad Controverſie with the Land.

This faithfull Watchman or our Engliſh Prophet (as he is cald) was perſecuted and baniſhed by the Biſhops, and this Commentary condemned by them to the fire; which they could not effect in Queen Elizabeths *raigne, till King* Iames.

Collected for the good of thoſe who want time or coine, to purchaſe ſo large a volume.

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Mr. *Brightman's* Iudgement or Propheſies, what ſhall befall *Germany*, *Scotland* *Holland* and *England*.

Mr. *Brightman* in his Booke of the expoſition on the Revelations, ſeriouſly conſidering and reſolving himſelfe, that the 7 Epiſtles S. *Iohn* wrote to the 7 Churches in *Aſia*, were alſo written and directed to the 7 ſucceeding Churches among the Gentiles, of which thoſe 7 were a type or counterpane (omitting for brevity what he ſaith, concerning the other 4 Churches) we preſent you with a brieſe of what he more immediatly applies to our ſelves.

In generall (he ſaith) That there was a terrible ſtorme to be expected, and it would be ſuch an horrible tempeſt, that it would terribly ſhake the Chriſtian Churches.

Firſt, for *Germany*, there was the bittereſt ſcourge for it that ever had fallen upon it, and that it was to come ſhortly; *Germany* ſhould be like a houſe that is robb'd by furious, mad & cruell ſpoylers, that would have no mercy of neither Sex, nor Age; and the comming thereof ſhould be ſuddaine and unexpected, like a thiefe in the night. Which we may ſee he truly foretold, it being fulfilled in our eares, and the inhabitants thereof having found it by ſad experience; let *England* take warning, conſidering what (he ſaid) was the cauſe that would bring all this miſery: Becauſe (ſaith he) they tooke no care for a full and through Reformation; therefore by the juſt judgement of God, they ſhould looſe their Citizens and Inhabitants; and they, with other Churches, ſhould come to nothing, and ſhortly it would appeare: he cals *Germany* by the name of *Sardis*.

Secondly, for *Scotland*, and *Holland*, and the other Churches adhering to them; (typified by godly *Philadelphia*) He saith, that they shall shut and none shall open, and they shall open and none shall shut: A Virgin Church, chast, not so defiled with *Rome's* superstition as others; And speakes of a *Covenant* and *Society* they should he joynd in, and bids them, not to be perplexed nor discouraged, at what the world spitefully prateth of them, as if hee had heard men in our times call them *Traytors*, *Rebels*, *Seditious*, and bids them not to regard the scoffes of the wicked, who will despise them, because they are godly, little, lowly and weake in visible power, in comparison of their enemies; For (saith he) no enemy shall shall be able to prevaile against them, and they shall set up a token of victory shortly; and every one shall be compelled to say, That they are dearely beloved of God: they shall be seen to prosper so exceedingly; and so marvellously promoted and advanced, beyond all mens expectation: And when that storme and horrible tempest shall come upon the Christian Churches; these Churches shall stand fast like a pillar, and be preserved from wasting; when the other Churches which did not take care for a full Reformation (as they did) shall by the just judgment of God, come (as it were) to nothing: There shall bee (saith he) such a miserable hurly burly of all things, that there should scarce be the forme of a Church perceived; but only with holy *Philadelphia*.

Thirdly, for *England*, whose counterpane he takes to be *Laodicea*, tearming it, *Lukewarme*, *vaineglorious Laodicea*; concerning it, he saith: He that gathereth the teares of his children into his bottle knoweth right well; That I could never with dry eyes take a survey of this *Laodiceas* lamentable condition, but I powred out teares and sighs from the bottom of my heart, when I beheld Christs loathing of us, and were it not that out of duty, as a watchman, I dare not betray the salvation of this Church, by not giving warning, I would have held my peace; but my hope is that those which love the truth will hearken and accept, and thinke (as the truth is) I envy no mans person, honor or greatnesse; Yet when I perceived, that these seven Churches were propounded for a tipe of all the Churches among the Gentiles; and with all, saw the order, time, & marveilous agreeing of all things together, I durst not perfidiously bury the truth in silence.

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In that Christ saith of this Church, *I know thy works, that thou art neither hot nor cold*; he observeth, that Christ maketh mention of no one good thing that it hath, the worst of all the seven (although there were many faithfull in it) yet not any so past hope in regard of the outward forme and government; which comes to passe, not so much through its own default, as by meanes of the faulty government of the *Angels*, who have so ordered and governed it, that it was tempered and blended together of strange contraries. *A Hoch-potch*, not so cold that we would be, *all Romish*, and cleaving to superstition altogether; nor yet so hot that wee pursue and admit a full Reformation: And therefore the disease of this Church was more difficult and desperate. Cha verse

Therefore from these words; *I would thou wert either cold or hot*, saith he, I would thou wert either all *Romish*, or admit of a through Reformation: blaming those *Angels* only, and those that cleave to them, Priests and Laity; who being bewitched with ambition and covetousnesse, do scornefully reject this holy Reformation, not enduring the remedy, but accounting that worse than the disease.

Therefore he saith in plaine tearmes, That the Bishops, which he cals no better than Lord-Beggers, because their riches and honors (for the most part) they get by fawning, flattering, bribing; being ambitious to get under great men, and so creep into the Court for preferment. But (saith he) both they and their whole lukewarme Hierarchy, shall quite bee overthrowne, and never recover their dignity again: And at their overthrow, they shall endanger the people, by reason of their consenting to them: Yet the people shall escape overthrowing, but it is to be feared the people shall feele some adversity; But God will not suffer the Hierarchy to escape; for they seeking honors and riches, and not those things which are Christs, shall have reproachfull Iudgements; few or none shall sigh or sob for them, but they and their Priests shall be vile before the people, and men shall read the reports concerning them, with delight: And they shall be cast out and spewed up as vomit out of a corrupted stomack, that no man will be willing to take up againe; from these words, *Therefore because thou art lukewarme, and neither hot nor cold: It shall come to passe that I will spew thee out of my mouth.* For thou saist, I Ch ver C ver

am rich and increaſed with goods, and have need of nothing, and knoweſt not how thou art wretched, and miſerable, and poore, and blind, and naked.

The whole State of this Church of *Laodicea* is worthy of ſerious conſideration, as M. *Brightman* applyes it to *England*, in this and divers other Chapters, for hee ſpeakes of our times as if hee were now living.

And further he ſaith in his Epiſtle and elſewhere in his Commentary, that many are the miſeries the Chriſtian Churches muſt ſuffer, for there will be a long and dolefull Tragedy, which will overthrow with ſcourges, ſlaughters, death and ruine; and that the ſword of the Lord ſhall be made drunk in their blood, except they receive warning and amend.

But yet (ſaith hee) Bee of good comfort *Germany*, *France* and *Brittany*, and all you Chriſtian Churches; This is the laſt Act; for after this Theater and long Tragedy is paſt, there will ſucceed in the room thereof happy dayes, with aboundance of peace and all good things. And it is his Iudgment, (if I may not ſay his Propheſy) comparing one Scripture with another, and times
9. with times: That before the yeare 1650., that the Iews ſhall be called; the whore of *Romes* noſe ſhall be ſlit, and ſhe ſtript of all her glorious garments and attire, her power and ſinews cut, and
ipi the Pope himſelfe ſhall run out of *Rome* into *Avignion*, or into *Bonia*, or thereabout, one of his own Cities; and the City of *Rome* ſhall be burnt with fire.

And that the King of *Spaine* and the King of *Ptolony*, and ſome other Kings ſhall bewaile her, and would faine help her, but dare not, becauſe they ſhall be afraid of their own ſafety, leaſt they be devoured, or ſcorched with the ſame fire.

And further he ſaith; that the Emperour of *Germany* ſhall deſtroy *Rome*, if he ſet to the worke, it being moſt proper for him; but if he doth it not, ſome other ſhortly will have the priſe of that victory: Therefore (ſaith he) you godly Princes take the matter in hand, and ſet to this worke; it ſhall not be a thing of to great trouble as you think for; feare not the huge Armies will come to helpe her; if you thinke the *Spaniard*, or the *French-man*, or any other King, will raiſe mighty forces againſt you to defend her, as being *Romes* friends; theſe are altogether vaine feares,

feare-Crows, Goblins, Bugbeares for ſimple people, for her friends ſhall ſtand affarre off with waiting (teſtifying their love) ſighing and ſobbing, but taking no paines, nor ſtriking a ſtroke to deliver their *Whore*, being now an old withered Harlot, but crying, *Alas Alas that great City*. And againe he further ſaith; and you the reſt of the Chriſtian Princes, you need do nothing, only be valiant and of good courage in diſpatching your worke for the Lord, and matters ſhall proſper as happily as you deſire; and underſtand at length by what way you may procure, as to your ſelves honor and tranquillity, ſo quietneſſe and joy to the whole Chriſtian world; Therefore draw your Swords againſt *Rome*, for you ſhall prevaile.

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And ſaith he, within 45 yeares after *Rome* is deſtroyed; The Pope once more gathering all his friends together to try his laſt chance, ſhall then be utterly overthrowne, being about the yeare 1686, which will be the longeſt time he can continue. But *Rome* being deſtroyed, and the Iewes called, there will be then to the end, a moſt happy tranquillity, and things very great indeed, and to be admired; the Ioy will be ſo much that it will be ſtrange and unexpected; for in the place of former troubles, there will be perpetuall peace, and then Kings and Queenes will be nurſing fathers, and nurſing mothers unto the Chriſtian Churches.

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Then the great Turke ſhall be 40 yeares on the decaying hand, and looſe many Countries; but in the yeare 1696, He alſo ſhall be utterly overthrowne: And then Chriſt ſhall raigne with his Ordinances chiefe in the world.

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They that pleaſe to examine theſe quotations in the margent, by Maſter *Brightmans* Booke on the *Revelations*, which he wrote above forty yeares agoe, they ſhall finde every noat either in the ſame words, or to the ſame purpoſe.

Yet not to forget that he ſaith further of *England* and *Ireland*. Although Chriſt be angry with us, by reaſon we are ſo far from a perfect reformation; and they which labour to bring in the Popiſh Ceremonies hated of God, do indanger the overthrow of our Kingdome; yet he ſaith Chriſt hath begun his Kingdome (at that time he wrot) which was in the days of bleſſed Queene *Elizabeth*, who happily begun and proceeded in the worke of Reformation, according to the time and thoſe dayes ſhe lived in; the finiſhing whereof will be required of this Generation; otherwiſe expect

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God hath a ſad controverſie with this Land; but Chriſt hath begun his Kingdome both in *England*, and *Ireland*, to raigne evermore; and the enemies which ſhall endeavour many enterpriſes, yet they ſhall vaniſh like ſmoke, and they ſhal never prevaile to overthrow Chriſt his Kingdome begun here; for there will never
11. want Chriſtian Princes to maintaine His Truth begun;
15. which he ſaith began from the yeare 1558. for the Seventh Angell blew his trumpet for this time, and ſaith he would raigne evermore,

And laſtly, he ſaith (for the better underſtanding of what he meanes) That the City of *Rome* is not limitted to that City, but
11. extends as far as the Pope hath any dominion; So that the City
3. of *Rome* is in deſtroying, if any of her Dominions be in deſtroying; as he interprets the holy Ghoſts meaning: but the Pope is to be quite and fully overthrowne at the yeare 1686. Therefore by computation *Rome* muſt be in deſtroying at 1641, in ſome of his
19. Dominions. So I conclude this briefe Relation (of what Maſter
19. *Brightman* largely inſiſts upon, ſhewing his grounds in his Book why hee affirmes theſe things) with Chriſts Counſell to this Church of *Laodicea*.

I counſell thee to buy of me Gold tryed by the fire, that thou maiſt be made rich; and white rayment, that thou mayſt be clothed, that thy filthy nakednesſe do not appeare; and to anoint thine eyes with eye-ſalve that thou mayſt ſee.

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